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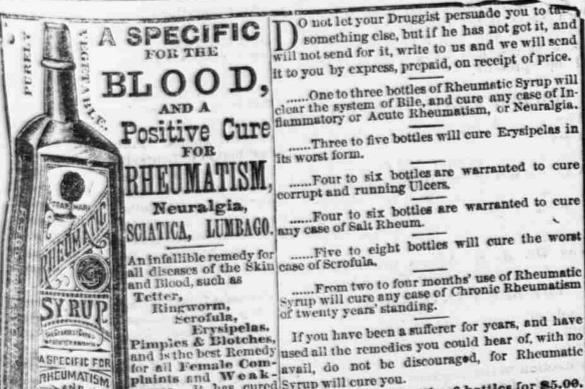
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ed," the reporter suggested. "Just so. It is dangerous in that way; but I was thinking of it as an explosive. Just look across the room-You see, when the sun's rays come in, that the air is loaded with a fine grain dust, and if you were provided with microscopic eyes you would see yourself fairly surrounded with small atoms of grain of all kinds. Now suppose you take a dried ear of corn and firm known power, and a hundred times as it. It burns very slcwly, and the cheap. His machine was arranged so chances are that it will go out. Shell it, or take the kernels off, and it burns much quicker. Suppose, now, we grind the corn, it will burn quicker still, say in a minute; but if you pulverize it, it goes off like a flash, and has great expansive power. That is the could run a train of cars all day just the case here. If the room be comes overcharged with dust and is yout I haven't heard of its being applied ignited, off it goes, blowing the house

"One of the most striking cases occurred several years ago in Minneapolis when the Washington mill caught-Those who knew anything about i just got out of the way as quick as they could; powder wouldn't have sent them any faster. Blow up? Well, I should rather think she did. The walls of the mill were solid stone six feet thick, and when the explosion came they were just like paper, and the roof, made of sheets of iron, was blown so high from one mill that it landed more than two miles from the spot where it went up. Of course it was helped by the wind, but the force exerted was shown. Men have been blown out through windows, hurled through the air, and the walls of a building completely demolished by a man's lighting a pipe in the big grain house.

"A curious accident eace happened in Scotland in a large house. A man walked in with a cigar in his mouth, and in a second the room seemed to be filled with fire and a terrible roar, but a minute later it cleared off. With the exception of a singeing, not a person was hurt, but every one of the four walls was flat on the ground, and the roof had been lifted bodily and dropped 200 feet away. In such cases and then follows the terrific expansive force that nothing can withstand. The explosion in Barrelan explosion in Barclay street several years ago may be accounted for in this way. In the manufacture of candy, sugar and starch are used in great quantities. Their dust accumulates and when lighted might easily develop power enough to, hurl a building to I vely fruit of the spirit proves an ele-

ent dusts ever been determined?',

"Yes," the flour man replied. "Prof. Peck, the chemist, has made some experiments that demonstrate the enormous power of sawdust, various flours, Starch, and grain of all kinds. In one of the experiments he took three-quarters of an ounce of starch, and, by raising it as dust in the air, ignited it in a compartment intended to represent a room. When exploded it threw a box weighing six pounds twenty he is lieut. gov. He is always sure of feet into the air. You can judge your- some place in the administration. Outself of the power of the material. Half side, the world, which is pretty full of an ounce of starch ignited in the same great men all the time, may not be way was shown by the Professor to lift particularly impressed with his greatstanding on it, three inches.

do by taking a box with a capacity of derfully made that they cannot be muzzle of a bell in one corner and the place, the laugh will surely come. and a new took his pace on it. The them until he wants to use them and a new took his pace on it. The them until he wants to use them and a new took his pace on it. The them until he wants to use them and a new took his pace on it. The them until he wants to use them and a new took his pace on it. The them until he wants to use them and a new took his pace on it. and the small amount & flour within immediately filled the air of the box as ways e2., D. dust, the fac-simile of a dut-laden mill remembers half or mae of them, and being produced. The flour mediate- the one he forgets enirely is usually ly ignited from the lamp, and in a the most highly appreciated. He is second the cover was blown offund the man lifted several inches into the air, loved for his harless despotism, while a blaze of fire burst out from all which pleases him, id hurts no one sides. A number of interesting x- else.—Burdette, in Iwkeye. periments were performed by the same gentleman, showing that in our large mills and manufactories where dust was likely to be formed, there lurked a into agricultural ck, 622,630; compower as dreaded as dynamite.

bon and two and two-thirds of oxygen, fessional class, 52,9 and not classiwhen they combine to produce carbon fied, 205,228.

ic acid, will evolve heat sufficient, if applied through a perfect heat engine, to Dangerous Dusts That are Easity Ignited lift nearly 600 tons ten feet into the air. Then he assumes that if 40 per cent, of flour is carbon, it would require two and a half pounds to accomplish this result."

"Why can't an engine be made to

run by dust power?" "Perhaps that is what Keely is working at, or the same principle, but you would need, according to the authority quoted, an engine for which there was no radiation or loss of heat. Perhaps some day it may be accomplished. Some years ago an old fellow in Boston created a great excitement by pretending he had a machine that that after it once started it kept going by successive explosions of bran dust that was blown into a chamber by a bellows, and ignited by a gas jet, the expansive force acting on a piston. It was a big scheme, and he claimed that with a quart measure of flour or bran, yet. Perhaps some one will work it ip yet and make a fortune, but I doubt t."-- New York Sun.

## Gentle Mothers. .

"My mother dear, my mother dear, My gentie, gentle mother."

I thought I was singing my boy to ricep with the little ballad of which he above is the chorus, but the blue yes opened, and the quiet voice said Mamma, you ain't always gentle." In elf-justification I replied, "But you now, darling, mamma has to scold when you're naughty."

"Yes'm." The argument dropped,

o did the little head upon my bosor

did not finish the song, nor have I ung it since. Tenderly tucking in he little truth-teller, I reproached myelf for deserving his remark, and gently questioned the truth of my answer. - others ever have to scold? Has g any legitimate place in the wovernment? How is the word "Failing with clamor, utter ire at die in rude and boisterous lanuage?" Is this a helpful adjunct to arental authority? Why do Christian arents sometimes scold? For two easons, it seems to us. First, for lack self-control; second, from habithildren are often terribly trying, and bud and angry tones seem a sa e y-valve or our stirred tempers. Besides, we ecessary. A suitable degree of these not incompatible with gentleness. It is not a synonym for weakness. The gentleness that makes one great chemes from subdued strength. The meat of power. The "soft answer" "Has the explosive power of differ- often costs the answerer dearly. Sweet ness of spirit is the outgrowth of selfcontrol. Serenity of soul, whatever be the constitutional characteristics comes most frequently from long self discipline and prayerful struggle .-Good Words.

Goliath at Home. The home is the clime where the man is great. There he is king, or royal consort anyhow. If he isn't governor, times, and occasionally sit down upon "One of the most dangerous mate- him. But at home he is always sure rials is the wheat dust of flour mills. of sympathy, apprehensive and responflour is to rattle the wheat and pass a current for profound wisdom; his often becomes perfectly loaded with it. ing, it is true, because the man's jokes two cubic feet and placing in it a little properly understood without the aid flour, the light of a lamp entering of a glossary, but if he indicates the --- host jokes and stories are like nuzzle of the box was nailed on, a pair of skates. He never thinks of stores, whether he small, rather a pleasat tyrant, who is

Census reports sta that the people of Canada are dived (by classes) mercial class, 107,64 domestic class, "Peck states that one pound of car- 74,830; industrial cs, 287,296; proTOPICS OF THE DAY.

Farmers in England are taking to beet growing. In Norfolk they have undertaken to grow this sea on at least 900 acres of sugar beet from selected seed, and on the faith of this an association has been formed, which. long before the beet is ready, will have \$100,000 worth of plants on the ground ready to make sugar as fast as the roots come in. The farmer will get \$5 a ton for the white beet delivered at the works, and as he can grow from fifteen to twenty tons to the acre he will, after allowing for heavy manuring and all cost of land, labor, seed, and transport, be able to reckon, even in an indifferent season, upon a return of at least \$15 an acre, which must seem to him, after recent experience, "wealth beyond the dreams of avarice," as Dr. Johnson said of the revenue of Barclay's brewery.

The annual loss by fire in the Uni ted States is about \$100,000,000. It is about twice as much per inhabitant as the fire loss of Great Britain, four times as much as that of France, and six times that of Germany. At the average rate of production it would require the constant labor of about 400,000 men to replace the loss. The loss is nearly as much as the amount collected on internal revenue, and one third more than the annual interest of the public debt. The amount of premiums collected by insurance companies is considerably less than the loss so that some insurance companies must fail every year. It is estimated that \$3 per annum is collected for every man, woman, and child in the United States to pay for careless construction and negligence in guarding against the dangers of fire.

The widow of the famous Mexican General, Santa Anna, is now living quietly in her native State, and seldom intrudes into the outer world. Mrs. Santa Anna is but 48 years old, though it is a wonder she does not look a hundred. Santa Anna was President of Mexico three years before she was born. She was plighted to him in her cradle, and married to him when she was 13. He was then a military dictator, sleeping on his sword, beset by constant peril. In six months he had lost his leg and got into a Texas prison. For twenty years her life was spent in a camp, surrounded by the whirl of warfare. Her husband was five times President of Mexico, four mes military dictator in absolute banished again, and finally died when with his wife in exile as a traitor-She has seen much "glory," and has received unlimited adulation, but she hardly ever enjoyed one thoroughly peaceful month in her life.

A French physician, (Dr. Mayet,) has just published the results of his inquiries into the nature of a singular malady known as "vanillism," which science has, it seems, lately added to the sufficiently long catalogue of human disorders. Bordeaux is the cheif emporium of vanilla, some 70,000 pounds of that spice being annually imported. The men employed in cleaning and sorting it have long been known to suffer from a peculiar affec tion, of which Dr. Layet's investigations have now revealed the cause. Its symptoms are redness and itching of the skin, often attended with desquamation of the cuticle, and usually accompanied with general malaise, lassitude, and gidiness. All the trouble is caused by a minute white acarus which lives in the vanilla, and finds its way to the person of those handling it. Dr. Layet's labors have not as yet been crowned with the discovery

of any cure for the new disease. A paper dealing with an outbreak, in a German town, of that terrible disease known as trichinosis was recently read before the French Academy of Medicine. It is worthy of attention as going far to prove that this disease, usually contracted by the consumption of unwholesome pork, is avoidable, if the usual precaution of thorought cooking the food be resorted three the case in -ons wa- attacked with sixth died. It was proved beyonk question that all the victims ate the meat absolutely raw, it being the cus tom to chop it fine and to spread it like butter on slices of bread. One single family, which consumed some of the same meat in the form of cooked sausages, exhibited no trace of the disease. It may be mentioned that a certain dose of alcohol exercised a most favorable effect in diminishing the virulence of the complaint.

and splendor. In Siam, when any ta- Pound

mous man is cremated, a magnificently decorated building is erected specially for the occasion, and vast sums are expended in making the whole spectacle as gorgeous as posible. The cere monies observed at the cremation of the late Regent of Siam may serve as a fair specimen of those customary on such occasions. Immediately upon his death, in Murch, 1833, his remains were inclosed in a vast urn of costly material, several yards in height, which was placed in a large room opening upon the courtyard of his palace, which stands on a creek flowing into the river that traverses the capital. Bands of native priests, relieving each other in turn, kept repeating prayers night and day in the death-chamber, around which were displayed all the orders and decorations worn by the dead man in his lifetime, Twelve months after his death the urn and its contents were carried in state to a kind of temple erected for the purpose, where the cremation was performed in the presence of thousands of spectators, including the King himself and his entire court.

Writing of the Trappists at Geth-

semane, Ky., a correspondent says: "When a monk dies, no useless coffin encloses his breast,' but, wrapped in his circular, with his cowl drawn over his head as in life, he is buried. Each grave is covered with myrtle and has a black wooden cross bearing the name of the cell's dusty inmate. At the foot of each grave is a little stool where the father who conducts you kneels to pray for the soul of the departed. At the end of the row is new open grave, which will receive the next body, and which constantly helps the father to 'remember death. There are no qualifications for the Trappist order. Any man who will obey the rules may stay seven years, giving his labor to the community and his thoughts to God, and, if he does not like it then, may withdraw. If he concludes to stay he takes the perpetual vow. The sin-sick and the weary are all here. Few desert, while many have been for years buried to the world and all its little convulsions. Some of them do not know who is president, and the echo of Guiteau's pistol-shot died at the outer walls. The abbey contains a fine library of religious works, among which is a bible printed at Lyons in 1532.'.

An Iowa man says that the dogs of that State eat enough annually to feed 100 000 working men, and counting in cost the State \$9 do to sheep, the dogs ucation of all the children in the State costs only about one-half that sum. Another Western State spends three times as much in keeping dogs as it does in educating her children. One writer, in making up an estimate of the damage done by dogs in the Northern States and their cost of maintainance, says that it costs us not less than \$33,000,000 annually to sup port our dogs, a sufficient sum to pur. each, which might be distributed in as many neighborhoods. But unfor tunately, those among our rural population who are most inclined to keep dogs have very little use for books.

## Snake Bites in India.

Their thatch and mud houses, with

walls often honeycombed by rats, afford

a natural shelter to the cobra and krait, The want of light in their houses by night when nine-tenths of the snakebites occur; a footstep in the dark; a hand or foot resting over the edge of their low charpoys during sleep-an irresistible temptation to a prowling the trap; of course, not strong enough cobra; the accidental striking or seizure to break a man's leg or baving teets by the hand of a snake while cutting on the jaws. I secret it in thest like their crops, and crop watching by where the de dator P caught by the night are among the most common ly to to decrete as himself, as there occasions of snake-bite. Often so lee two springs. Let it lie around slight is the bite on finger or toe das loose in sight of everybody, and talk it is not enough to break sleet uncon. largely of what you can do with it, and the sleep of life grad- that of death. let it be known generally that you see sciously mercans to steal insensibly man traps in your melon patch, orchard, The percessly through the system &c. I have caught one depredator, awally benumbing the springs of and do not know that I was ever life, till it brings them to a standstill troubled afterward. Any good blackforever. Nor is there anything left smith can make one for \$3 to \$5, to tell the cause except the minutest Where bears and wolves are trapped speck, like a flea-bite, only visible to a one can probably be bought ready made the bitten person may be reason in it must be chained fast to the ground dead or in the last stage of snake-bite tached to his ieg. poisoning; it may be a dead mother talk a great deal about it the apprewith her living child still clinging to hension of being caught will probably her, drinking in, in the milk, the poi- be sufficient. If the rogues are very son which, even in such a minute bad have more than one trap. Boys quantity, also leaves the child dazed will not like the idea of being caught and lethargic for many hours to come, like a bear or a wolf. The nights that Strange to say, so apathetic are natives you set it put up your pet dogs, and i (Indian) that often they get bitten in the orchard, take up any stock thas and go to sleep again, without think- may be there. It is great fun to go to ing more about it, on the frail chance your melon patch early in the morning Southern Asia, the original home of of the bite being non-poisonous, and so to find your favorite melon pulled and cremation, is also the region where it sleep on till their friends find them, or a man or boy sitting by, keeping, as it is celebrated with the greatest pomp sleep ceases in death .- All the Year were, watch over it .- Country Gentle\* .

### CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

The Naughty Day. You needn't look at me, Puss G ay, And rumple up your silly for!

For you were naughty too, to-day,-You were! You stole some cream from Bridget, sir! What am I staying here for? Why, Because I hate to wear this dress.

I didn't do a thing-but ery, And-yes, I stamped my foot just once, I guess! It's been a very dismal day;

They think I'm cross, poor little me! But if they'd let me have my way,

How good and pleasant I could be!

First, when my ten was cold I cried (Of course); and when I couldn't go Out with the other gi is to ride,-It's bee I the livelong day, you know.

Her naughty temper to forget," Mamma said softly; and her eyes Were wet.

"Hero Ethel stays, until she tries

I wonder if I'm sorry yet! I almost think- What did you say, Dear Pussy? Let to-morrow be Better and happier than to-day?

That's just what I was - Well, we'll see! -Margaret Johnson, in the Nursery.

A Bird's Appetite. The appetite of the bird is wonderful. If a man could eat as much in proportion he would consume a whole round of beef for his dinner. The redbreast is a most voracious bird. It has been calculated that to keep a redbreast up to his normal weight an

amount of animal food is required daily equal to an earthworm fourteen feet in length. Taking a man of average weight, and measuring bulk for bulk with the redbreast, I tried to cal culate how much food he would consume in twenty-four hours if he ate as much in proportion as the bird. Assuming a sausage nine inches in circumference to be a fair equivalent of the earthworm, I find that the man would have to eat sixty-seven feet of such sausage in every twenty-four hours. I mention this in order to il-Just cate the amount of work which is

How Josey Was Cought.

done by insect-eating birds.

Josey liked to keep office for his "Uncle Doctor," as he called him. But the doctor did not always like to trust him there when he was called away, for Josev had a habit of looking into things that male the doctor fear he might get into mischief, for Josey was a meddlesome boy. One day, however Josey found himself alone, and began to look at everything on the table The electric battery pleased him most "Ho! I know how to fix this," he ed'lectric treatment I could do it as well as Uncle Doctor. There! Now it's all right! Now you take hold of these handles."

The taking hold was easy enough, but letting go was quite another matter. Any little boy or girl who has ever tried it will know how Josey's arms jingled and ached, but he had to hold on-he could not let go; and there chase 132,000 libraries of 200 volumes | he was, tears running down his face, when his uncle heard his screams and

"You were caught that time Josey," said his uncle, when he had set him free. "Now, remember that bad habits hold fast to a boy worse than an electric battery does, and are harder to get rid of, and meddling is a very bad "I won't have any more to do with

either of them," said Josey .. - Sunbam.

Man Traps.

I have tried a large steel trap with good effect. I have one made with a strong spring at each end of the jaw of